कृषि मौसम के दौरान 100 दिन का सुनिश्चित रोजगार मुहैया कराना है । यह योजना देश के 2000 से अधिक खंडों में चलाई जा रही है जो सूखाग्रस्त क्षेत्रों, मरूभूमि क्षेत्रों और पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में अवस्थित है। समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम के मामले में इसकी प्रभावोत्पादकता ने वृद्धि करते के लिए हाल ही में कई उपाय किए गए हैं। इन उपायों में चालू वर्ष के दौरान प्रति परिवार लक्षित निवेश स्तर में वृद्धि करके इसे 12,000 रुपए करना शामिल है। उच्च निवेश स्तर को आसान बनाने के लिए चालू वर्ष के दौरान देश के 213 जिलों में पारिवारिक ऋण योजना आरंभ की गई है। यह मानते हुए कि समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम परियोजनाओं की व्यवहार्यता में ढांचागत विकास की एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका होती है, ढांचागत विकास के लिए निवेश के मानदण्डों को काफी हद तक विकेन्द्रीकृत किया गया है। पहले लागू निर्धारित सीमा समाप्त कर दी गई है और अब 11,000 रुपए की गरीबी की रेखा से कम आय वाले किसी भी परिवार की इस कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत सहायता दी जा सकती है।

Self-Employment Schemes for women

1652. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to provide self employment to women in the rural areas of Baroda, Bharuch, Surat and Panchmahal districts in Gujarat is under consideration of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a scheme, Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas DWCRA) started since 1982-83 is already under implementation in all the districts of the country including Baroda, Bharuch, Surat and Panchmahal in Gujarat. DWCRA provides self employment opportunities to Women in rural areas below the poverty line. DWCRA focusses attention on groups of 10—15 women and provides revolving funds of Rs. 15,000 per group.

(c) Does not arise.

Implementation of tree growers cooperation project

1653. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Tree Growers Cooperative Federation Limited, Anand is implementing a tree growers cooperative projects in various States with assistance from the National Dairy Development Board and foreign agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the States in which this project has been started or is likely to be started, and

(c) the investment made by NDDB and the financial assistance received/likely to be received from foreign agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At the request of National wastelands Development Board (NWDB), National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) initiated a pilot Tree Growers Project in 1986 with an allocation of Rs. 5 crores from National Dairy Development Board. Subsequently, the National Dairy Development Board and the Tree Growers Cooperative Society formed under the pilot project jointly promoted the National Tree Growers Cooperative Federation (NTGCF).

The National Tree Growers Cooperative Federation (NTGCF) has made efforts in promoting and organising Tree Growers Cooperatives as sustainable and viable cooperative structure for establishing bio-mass on degraded wastelands. The

Project is being currently implemented in selected districts of Rajasthan and Orissa with the assistance from Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), and selected districts of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Karnataka with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The Swedish International Development Agency agreed to provide commodity aid in the form of Palmolein worth about Rs. 24.47 crores for the project. As on 31.12.94, commodity assistance worth about Rs. 16.3 crores has been generated for implementation of the project. The project implementation period is from 1.1.92 to 31.12.96.

The Canadian International Development Agency agreed to provide commodity aid in the form of Wood Kraft Pulp worth about Rs. 45.99 crores for the project. As on 31.12.94, commodity assistance worth about Rs. 7.53 crores has been generated for implementation of the project. The project implementation period is from December, 1993 to September, 2000.

Besides above, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in December 1993 between National Dairy Development Board, National Tree Growers Cooperative Federation and the Government of Uttar Pradesh to implement Tree Growers Cooperative Project in Pithoragarh District with the assistance from National Dairy Development Board at an outlay of Rs. 3.00 crores.

Corruption in the Poverty Eradication Programmes

1654. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:
SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that corruption is rampant in the poverty eradicatinn programmes launched by Government;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to remove corruption in such programmes and whether these programmes have been reviewed; and

(c) if so, what are the outcomes thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c) A few complaints have been received by the Government of India regarding the misuse of funds in the implementation of poverty eradication programmes viz. (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). Considering the number of implementing agencies involved in the impementation of these programes in the country, the number of complaints regarding the misuse of funds are relatively few. To minimise misutilisation/mis-appropriation of funds, a system of checks and balances is inbuilt in the guidelines formulated for implementation of these programmes. For instance under JRY, resources released to the village panchayats are-kept in an exclusive and separate saving bank or post office account which can be operated jointly by the Sarpanch and another person nominated by Panchayat. Every drawal from the bank is required to be authorised in the meeting of the village panchayat. The accounts of the DRDA/ Zilla Parishad/Gram panchayats (GPs) are also subject to regular audit. Instructions have been issued to the village panchayats to appoint a Vigilance Commtitee for each village under its jurisdiction to oversee, supervise and monitor the implementation of works under the Yojana.

Similarly in case of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), a pronote is to be filled up for the subsidy portion by the beneficiary to guard against misappropriation of asset. This is enforceable under the provisions of the local law to enable recovery of the misutilised/misappropriated amount from erring beneficiaries. Penal action is taken against beneficiaries erring officers/officals in case of misrepresentation of facts/ cases of corruption.